

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2006
(Approved February 28, 2007)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on December 7, 2006. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay and Tim Roland, East Coventry Township; Kurt Zebrowski and Ralph Fluharty, New Hanover Township; John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Andy Paravis and Bud Jenschke, North Coventry Township; Megan DeLena and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove, Greg Lignelli, Douglass Township; and Raymond Bechtel, Pottstown Borough.

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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Paravis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Paravis did a roll call.

3. Review of the October Minutes

Mrs. Megay moved to approve the October 25, 2006 minutes as presented. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jenschke provided a Treasurer's Report. The total funds balance is \$25,966.23. Mrs. Megay moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice Chairmen Group Update

Mr. Paravis provided an update of the Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice Chairmen Meeting. Mr. Paravis noted that Mr. Bob Mench is in the process of preparing a mission statement.

6. Clear Channel Off-Premises Billboard Advertising Update

Mr. Paravis noted that a Zoning Hearing was held on November 28, 2006 regarding the Clear Channel off-premises billboard advertising issue. Mr. Paravis noted this was the second hearing and Mr. Dan Sager provided representation. There was a brief discussion regarding Mr. Sager's expenditures. Mr. Bechtel moved to provide payment to Mr. Sager for the brief writing regarding this case. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. DCNR Presentation

Mr. Fran Rupert of DCNR provided a presentation concerning Regional Recreation. There was a review of various recreational provisions in the area. It was noted that Oxford area has formed a recreation commission. Mr. Rupert noted that changes would be occurring with the grants program. Mr. Rupert stated that DCNR provides pre-application and grant writing workshops and technical assistance with grant application.

Mr. Paravis agreed to contact Township Managers to inquire about the forming of a Parks and Recreation Commission. There was also a discussion regarding peer studies and Mr. Rupert noted those interested should contact him regarding such issue.

8. Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

9. New Business

West Pottsgrove – Upland Square

There was a discussion regarding the proposed 708,642 square foot non-residential use project in West Pottsgrove. There was lengthy discussion regarding concerns with this project. Traffic and safety issues were among the issues discussed. The Committee authorized Mr. Paravis to attend the West Pottsgrove Planning Commission meeting in January. This item is to be placed on the PMRPC January agenda and it was requested that West Pottsgrove have two of their planners and two of their Planning Commission members attend to participate in discussions.

Non-residential Density Caps

There was a brief discussion regarding non-residential density caps. It was agreed that caps would be left as they are.

Lamar Billboard Challenge

An update was provided regarding the Lamar billboard challenge and it was noted that a Zoning Hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2007.

10. Housekeeping Items

The 2007-2008 meeting schedule was accepted as presented. The Committee was reminded of the re-organizational meeting in January.

11. Municipal Updates

Mrs. Megay noted that East Coventry Township would have zoning changes for review by the PMRPC in January. Mr. Troutman noted that Lower Pottsgrove and Limerick are discussing the Evergreen Lane area.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Jenschke moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary